



GARAGE SALE SIGN "DO'S AND DON'TS"

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Garage sales, especially during good weather, are seemingly everywhere in Marysville, judging by mushrooming of advertising signs drawing you to their household bonanzas of bargains. But all too often those very signs that catch people's eyes are illegally posted, either because a citizen doesn't know any better, or fails to realize that the signs pose a real hazard.

For motorists, unlawfully posted signs - promoting garage and yard sales, family picnics, concert flyers, etc. - take a driver's attention away from important regulatory and warning signs, putting them and others at risk. They do not add beauty to our community either.

For utility workers, the nails and tacks that hold signs in place on wooden poles are a dangerous threat.

For those who post signs illegally, you're risking a **\$250 fine and a mandatory court appearance**. A garage sale is a great way to sell some of your personal belongings and raise extra money for your family needs, but if you break the law to do it, is it worth the price?

Garage Sale Do's and Don'ts

Following are some frequently asked questions about posting signs in the City of Marysville.

- Where can't I put my signs?
 - Signs cannot be attached to trees, utility poles, street signs, or any public property without permission of the government agency owning the same. Signs must be on their own post and placed where they won't cause harm to anyone or block the vision of any and all hazards.
- Why are these restrictions necessary?
 - Items attached to street sign posts and elsewhere distract people away from looking at the road or traffic control signs that are posted for their safety. Likewise, employees who have to work on poles or structures that are fitted with nails, tacks, and staples run the risk of bodily injury.
- How many garage sales can I have per year, and for how long?
 - By law, you are allowed to have no more than two events, such as garage sales, per year for your residence. No event is allowed for more than six days within a 15 day period.
- How long can temporary signs remain up to advertise garage sales and other events?
 - Temporary sale signs for garage sales and estate sales may be displayed no more than three days before the event they advertise. The signs must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the event.
- What happens when a sign is found to be illegally posted?
 - The all-volunteer Marysville Seniors Against Crime, as one of its many public safety duties, removes signs determined to be placed unlawfully. They then will either visit the address on the placard and explain the City's sign posting codes, or send a letter or telephone the person responsible.

City law further allows for a \$250 fine and a mandatory court appearance, if warranted.